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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the students and staff of Saunemin Community Consolidated School District #438, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit a Petition for Waiver on our FCC Form 471.

I extend my sincere apologies for the Form 471 being filed a day late. As a first-year superintendent and first time E-rate applicant, I have had the task of learning a multitude of new platforms and portals to meet the varying needs of managing a school district. In doing so, I have learned to navigate the multiple steps required to successfully manage the bidding process including filing of the Form 470, bidding, uploading contracts, and completing the Form 471.

I had every intention of completing the Form 471 on time, however, I did not realize that the deadline to file was March 22, 2018. Upon getting into the system, I realized that I had missed the deadline to submit the Form 471. Since that realization, I have been working feverishly to complete the necessary requirements to successfully submit the required documents.

Without the approval of the Petition to Waiver on our Form 471, Saunemin Community Consolidated School District #438 will have to defer its' 1:1 deployment until the 2019 – 2020 school year. The students in the district cannot afford another school year without a 1:1 learning environment, as they fail to compete digitally with their grade level peers from surrounding feeder districts.

Thank you for your consideration and extended my deepest apologies on the tardiness of the submission. I assume full and total responsibility for the oversight.

Educationally,

Dr. Christopher J. Maier, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Saunemin Community Consolidated School District #438